

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 6, 2003
6:00 P.M.
(Proposed Map Amendment Z-02-13)**

Pursuant to notice duly advertised and posted, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above date at 6:00 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David R. Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Director of Fiscal Operations

ABSENT: Huey Marshall, County Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments concerning the Proposed Map Amendment Z-02-13.

Leslie Bell, Planning Director, explained the following:

Item 1 (Z-350 – Thomas E. Robinson) is a map amendment initiated by the property owner. This change from R-6000 (Low Density Residential) to C-LD (Commercial Low Density) would allow for commercial use of the property of Tax Parcel 2150010003 beginning 1150 feet northwest of the southwest quadrant of Holden Beach Road SW (NC 130) and Mount Pisgah Road (SR 1130), continuing approximately 120 feet northwest fronting Holden Beach Road. This parcel totals 3.26 acres. Planning Board (unanimous 6 to 0, - Mr. Thomas Morgan recused himself citing a potential conflict of interest) and Planning Staff recommend approval.

Item 2 (Z-351 – Danny A. & Julia B. Lee) is a map amendment initiated by the property owner. This change from R-7500 (Low Density Residential) to C-LD (Commercial Low Density) would allow for commercial use of the property for Tax Parcel 21000056 beginning approximately 300 feet northeast of the northwest quadrant of Pea Landing Road (SR 1304) and Worrell Lane NW and continuing approximately 230 feet north fronting Pea Landing Road. This parcel totals .96 acres. Planning Board (unanimous 7 to 0) and Planning Staff recommend denial.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board regarding the proposed amendment. The following citizens addressed the Board:

1. Mr. Thomas Robinson spoke in support of Item 1.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 6, 2003
6:15 P.M.**

(Renovation and Equipment Acquisition Bonds for Doshier Hospital)

Pursuant to notice duly advertised and posted, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above date at 6:15 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David R. Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Director of Fiscal Operations

ABSENT: Huey Marshall, County Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments concerning Renovation and Equipment Acquisition Bonds for Doshier Hospital.

Mr. Edgar Haywood, Hospital Administrator, explained Doshier Hospital's Strategic Business Plan and the Master Facility Plan with Wilkerson Associates, a healthcare architectural firm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board regarding the proposed amendment.

There were no comments from the audience.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sue moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2003
6:30 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, Public Assembly Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner David Sandifer, Chairman
Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner May Moore
Commissioner Tom B. Rabon, Sr.
Commissioner William M. Sue

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Mark Seagle, Assistant County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk
Lithia E. Brooks, Fiscal Operations Director

ABSENT: Huey Marshall, County Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandifer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Norris gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Sandifer asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. The following adjustments were made:

1. The Fiscal Operations Director requested to add as Item 7 under Administrative Report, to consider adoption of the Smithville Township Limited Tax Hospital Bond Resolution.
2. The County Manager requested to add to the Consent Agenda as items V-E,F,and G; approval of donated items to the Rourk Library, approval of SR-2 Resolution for 13th Street SW in Ocean Haven Subdivision, approval of 70 hours of compensatory time for the Clerk to the Board.
3. Commissioner Sue requested to add an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board as item 3 under Board Appointments.

4. Commissioner Moore requested to add Commissioner appointments and terms to the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee as item 4 under Board Appointments.

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to approve the agenda with the adjustments included. The vote of approval was unanimous.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sandifer asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak regarding any item on the agenda or any matter that was not included in the agenda. There were no comments from the audience.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sue moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote of approval was unanimous.
The following items were approved:

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of December 10, 2002
2. Public Hearing Minutes of December 16, 2002 6:00 p.m.
3. Public Hearing Minutes of December 16, 2002 6:05 p.m.
4. Public Hearing Minutes of December 16, 2002 6:15 p.m.
5. Public Hearing Minutes of December 16, 2002 6:20 p.m.
6. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2002
7. Workshop Minutes of December 19, 2002

B. Tax Matters (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #1)

Request adoption of the 2003 Schedule of Values for Brunswick County's 2003 revaluation.

C. Finance (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #2)

We are in receipt of the following FY 2002-2003 budget amendment requests:

1. Volunteer Rescue Squads (VRS)

\$25,000 Increase County Capital Reserve Fund

This amendment represents a recommendation from the VRS Capital Expenditure Committee taken at its November 14, 2002 meeting for Shallotte VRS to go toward the purchase of a new ambulance. There is sufficient Capital Reserve funds available to fund this recommendation. Additional County funds are not involved.

2. Health Department - Women Infants & Children (WIC) Client Services

\$ 1,493 Increase Insurance Proceeds

This amendment represents the amount we have received from our insurance carrier that will be used to replace a laptop computer in the WIC Client Services division of the Health department. County funds are not involved.

3. Health Department - Bioterrorism Preparedness & Response

\$ 3,000 Increase

State Revenues

This amendment represents an increase in State funding specifically for bioterrorism preparedness and response efforts. County funds are not involved.

We request the Board's concurrence to amend the FY 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance accordingly.

D. Road Petition (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #3)

1. Request approval of SR-2 Resolution for Cotton Wood Trail, Crooked Oak Court, Black Chestnut and Highwood Court in Hoods Creek.

E. Library (added under Adjustments to the Agenda) (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #4)

1. Request approval to receive donated items to the Rourk Library in Shallotte from the Rourk Branch Friends of the Library.

F. Road Petition (added under Adjustments to the Agenda) (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #5)

1. Request approval of SR-2 Resolution for a portion of 13th Street, SW in Ocean Haven Subdivision.

G. Clerk Compensatory (added under Adjustments to the Agenda)

1. Request approval for compensation of 70 hours compensatory time for Clerk to the Board.
(Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #6)

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Woodridge at Olde Town Zoning Issues (Stacy Pecori-Olson)

Stacy Olson addressed concerns with lighting, a junkyard without a fence and noise from a Heavy Manufacturing District located behind her home in Olde Towne. Ms. Olson stated that she is unable to sleep in her bedroom because of the bright lights and does not feel she is receiving the services from the County as a taxpayer to maintain stability in her neighborhood. Leslie Bell, Planning Director, stated that the owner of the business in question is in the process of moving some of the lights and is in the process of adding a fence. Ms. Olson stated that she is concerned that the County should consider neighborhoods surrounding Heavy Manufacturing Districts and make sure that codes are enforced before businesses are allowed to operate. Chairman Sandifer asked that Staff and Code Enforcement continue to be a catalyst to resolve the problem.

(Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #7)

2. Truth in Youth (Commissioner Sue)

Commissioner Sue explained that Truth and Youth had applied for a grant to provide housing for disabled veterans, homeless and handicapped people. The grant requires the availability of water and sewer making it necessary for Truth and Youth to request a one-time allocation for \$35,000. Commissioner Sue moved to approve a one-time allocation of \$35,000 to Truth and Youth to come from Fund Balance. The vote of approval was unanimous.

(Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #8)

3. Town Creek Vision Corporation (Dana Blanks)

Ms. Blanks explained that Town Creek Vision Corporation is attempting to secure a grant of approximately \$100,000 through the Governor's Crime Commission for Project Outreach, an after school program that was designed and implemented through collaborative efforts with Town Creek Vision Corporation, Brunswick County Branch of NAACP and Brunswick County Schools. The goal of the program is to eliminate the academic achievement gap that exists between African-American students and white students. The program has served 350 students K-12 from all 15 schools in the County system and was funded last year through volunteers and

donations. Town Creek Vision Corporation requests that the County act as a pass-through agency for the grant. There would be no County funds involved.

Chairman Sandifer asked if this program was in concert with CIS programs. Ms. Blanks answered that they currently do not work with CIS, the services are different as their program is more tailored to the specific needs of African-American students within the community, whereas, CIS serves everyone.

Commissioner Rabon moved to approve the application. The vote of approval was unanimous. (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #9)

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Planning – Map Amendment Z-02-13 – (Leslie Bell)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider approving Second Reading and Adoption for Map Amendment Z-02-13.

Commissioner Sue moved to approve Item 1 and concur with the Planning Board and Planning Staff's recommendation to deny Item 2 of Map Amendment Z-02-13. The vote of approval was unanimous. (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #10)

2. Planning – Map Amendment Z-02-14 – (Leslie Bell)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider approving First Reading for Map Amendment Z-02-14 and setting a Public Hearing for February 2, 2003 at 5:45 p.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve First Reading for Map Amendment Z-02-14 and set a Public Hearing for February 2, 2003 at 5:45 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous. (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #11)

3. Planning – Text Amendment Z-02-15 – (Leslie Bell)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider approving First Reading for Text Amendment Z-02-15 and setting a Public Hearing for February 2, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve First Reading for Text Amendment Z-02-15 and set a Public Hearing for February 2, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous. (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #12)

4. Short Term Disability – (Marty Lawing)

Staff requests the Board review the recommendation of Department Heads and other options for Short Term Disability Insurance Coverage for County Employees. Starie Grissett, Human Resources Officer, explained that this Insurance covers non-work related illness, injury or condition and since 1997 paid claims have significantly exceeded premiums paid. There was discussion regarding Hartford Insurance premium increase options.

Commissioner Norris moved to approve Option 2 with Hartford Insurance. The vote of approval was unanimous. (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #13)

5. Animal Adoption Reduced Fee (Steve Stone)

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners set a Public Hearing for Animal Services Adoption Fee Schedule for January 21, 2003 at 6:15 p.m.

There was discussion regarding lowering the adoption fees to Animal Rescue Services contingent upon a signed agreement with the County.

Commissioner Moore moved to set a Public Hearing for January 21, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous. (Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #14)

6. Resolution (Boyd Williamson)

Staff recommends that the Board consider approving a Resolution in Support of Payment of Property Taxes Before Recording of Deeds.

Commissioner Rabon moved to table Item 6 until the February 3, 2003 Regular Meeting. The vote of approval was 4 ayes, (Rabon, Moore, Sue and Norris) 1 nay (Sandifer).

(Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #15)

7. Acquisition Bonds for Doshier Hospital (added under Adjustments to the Agenda)

The Fiscal Operations Director requested approval of the Hospital Bonds in the amount of \$13 million for the purpose of financing improvements to the Doshier Hospital.

Commissioner Sue moved to approve the Smithville Township Limited Tax Hospital Bonds in the amount of \$13 million to finance improvements to Doshier Hospital in Southport. The vote of approval was unanimous. **(Exhibit Book 33, Attachment #16)**

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) Town of Calabash (2 ETJ appointments)

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to approve the recommended appointments of Charlie Daniels and Simon Kluj as ETJ representatives to the Town of Calabash Board of Adjustment. The vote of approval was unanimous.

2) Nursing Home Advisory Committee (District 3 appointment)

Commissioner Moore nominated Arlene Rushin. Vice-Chairman Norris moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Chairman Sandifer moved to approve the appointment of Arlene Rushin. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Arlene Rushin will fill the unexpired term of Millie Murrow that will expire January 1, 2005.

3) Parks and Recreation Board (Dist. 5 appointment) (added under Adjustments to the Agenda)

Commissioner Sue nominated William Dale Rabon. Chairman Sandifer moved to close the nominations. The vote of approval was unanimous. Chairman Sandifer moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Rabon. The vote of approval was unanimous.

William Rabon will fill the expired term of Robert Child that will expire January 1, 2006.

4) Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (added under Adjustments to the Agenda)

Commissioner Rabon nominated Commissioner May Moore to serve a two-year term. The vote of approval was unanimous. Commissioner Moore nominated Commissioner Rabon to serve a one-year term. The vote of approval was unanimous.

IX. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1) Closed Session

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) & (5). The vote of approval was unanimous.

Chairman Sandifer called a five minutes recess.

RECONVENED 8:25 p.m.

Chairman Sandifer called the Open Session back to order and announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

There was no other business to discuss.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:28 p.m. Commissioner Sue moved to recess the Regular Meeting until January 13, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. for a Workshop regarding Long Range Planning, Complex Wastewater Issues, Board of Commissioner Board Appointments and Budget Retreat Schedule. The vote of approval was unanimous.

David R. Sandifer, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board